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Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-311

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

This Invitation is for Small Business Set-Aside only; see FAR 52.219-6 Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside.

Date Issued: July 23, 2007

Fresh Apples, Announcement FV-311, Invitation 022

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition program and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central Time, Monday, August 6, 2007**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Monday, August 20, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from October 1, 2007, through October 24, 2007.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Fresh Apples 37/40 lb. (cartons to a shipping container) 9,240 cases

- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.
- No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.
- All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring this special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a



connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-311, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-311, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV311
 INVITATION : 022
 COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH

PREFERENCE
 CODES: GD-GOLDEN DELICI
 GS-GRANNY SMITH
 RD-RED DELICIOUS
 G -GALA
 F -FUJI
 M -MCINTOSH
 E -EMPIRE
 B -BRAEBURN

COMM TYPE : 10 APPLES, FRESH
 PACK SIZE : 10 37/40 LB CARTON

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)	PREFERENCE 1 2 3
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/07 - 10/03/07						
001	NEWPORT	MN		924		GD GS RD
002	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	924		G F M
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/08/07 - 10/10/07						
003	CRANSTON	RI	TRUCK ONLY	924		RD
004	NEWPORT	MN		924		GD GS RD
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/15/07 - 10/17/07						
005	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	924		RD GD G
006	ATLANTA	GA		924		RD F
007	NEWPORT	MN		924		GD GS RD
008	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	924		RD GS F

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DELIVERY PERIOD 10/22/07 - 10/24/07

009	PORT NEWARK	NJ		924		G E B
010	VINELAND	NJ		924		G E B

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 9,240

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Contracting Officer

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